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ILLEGAL ALIEN POSSESSED STOLEN ASSAULT RIFLE

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on June 10, 2002, Netza Osuna-Santiago, 30, of Phoenix, Arizona, was sentenced to 30 months in prison and three years supervised release, by United States District Judge Earl H. Carroll, in Phoenix, Arizona.

In December 2001, during a search of a Phoenix residence, federal agents located the defendant and a stolen Chinese made Norinco 7.62 millimeter assault rifle under a bed. Osuna-Santiago admitted to possessing the weapon and it was later determined that the defendant was a citizen and nation of Mexico and was illegally present in the United States.

Osuna-Santiago had entered a plea of guilty on March 26, 2002, to being an Illegal Alien in Possession of a Firearm in violation of 18 United States Code Section 922(g)(5)(A). This was the defendant's first felony conviction.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the United States Customs Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

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The prosecution was handled by Lisa Jennis Settel, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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